

Chapter 6

Public Facilities

Introduction

Public facilities, including emergency services, social services, water and wastewater treatment and distribution/collection, parks and recreation, and government owned properties such as the county courthouse, are components of the community that must be addressed in the comprehensive plan.

There is some overlap between the issues related to public facilities and the land use and transportation sections of the plan. For example, new development is generally encouraged to locate in areas that can be efficiently served by public utilities, while roads are a major part of the public infrastructure.

Parks

The Decatur County Department of Parks and Recreation manages the public park land in the county. Park areas in the county include:

- Decatur County Park (16 acres land, 10 acres water)
- Kohler Memorial Park (11 acres)
- Allen Memorial Swimming Pool (5 acres)
- North Park (5 acres)
- St. Paul Park (26 acres, 4 developed)
- Oddfellows Rebekah Park (15 acres)
- Decatur County Youth Sports Complex (21 acres)
- Shriver Field
- East Park
- Westport Kiwanis Park
- Decatur County Skate Park
- Newpoint / Salt Creek Township Park
- Adams Park
- Millhousen Park

Decatur County Rural Water

Rural Water was established in 1965 but was dormant until 1992 when the city reservoir was created. Rural Water purchases their water from the City of Greensburg, their contract maximum is currently 540,000 gallons per day. The Rural Water distribution area is primarily outside of the City of Greensburg.

In mid 2007, the Decatur County Commissioners passed a resolution committing Decatur County to the formation of a regional water district.

The Town of New Point receives their water from the Napoleon Water Company.

Greensburg Water

As of August 2007 current water demand in Greensburg is 2.2 MGD (million gallons per day) on average with maximum demand of 2.7 MGD. The treatment plant is capable of treating up to 3.6 MGD of water. Future expansion is underway.

Other Water

Westport Water
St. Paul Water
Lake Santee

Greensburg Sewer

As of August 2007, the current average sewage flow at the Greensburg wastewater treatment plant is 4 MGD, with a maximum capacity of 7.5 MGD. Future expansion is underway.

Other Sewer Systems

The communities of Westport and St. Paul are served by sewer systems. The New Point community is served by a sewer system that is connected to Batesville. The Lake Santee area has its own sewer system which has been recently upgraded.

Fire Stations

There are nine fire departments in Decatur County. Greensburg has a combination salaried/volunteer fire department, while the other eight departments are volunteer. Greensburg currently has only one fire station, but is planning for a future station on the south side of the community. The existing fire stations in Decatur County are:

- Adams Township
- Clarksburg
- Burney-Clay
- Greensburg
- Letts
- Marion Township
- New Point
- Saint Paul
- Westport

Goal & Objectives

Goal

Maximize infrastructure investment through promotion of compact development served by adequate public facilities.

Objectives

- Develop infrastructure expansion plans that facilitate growth in areas designated for development in the future land use plan
- Encourage infill development and redevelopment of sites that are currently served by urban infrastructure
- Support new development in locations that are served by adequate public facilities.

This page is intentionally left blank